

UUUCS ART WORKS TEAM

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The Art Works Team wishes to support the visual arts as an essential element in the spiritual life of our church community, and to foster an art ministry in a variety of ways.

FUNCTIONS

- Fostering appreciation for the visual arts is an important part of our ministry, both as a form of spiritual expression and as a means of connecting with other peoples across time and space. Our activities support this value in the following two important ways:
- We support and encourage members of all ages who wish to develop and improve their artistic skills. We will do this in two ways: first, by organizing exhibitions for children's and members' art work. We hope the exhibitions will encourage all our members to engage in creative expression, and that they will raise funds for art materials for the RE classes. Secondly, to encourage and support artistic expression within the congregation, we hold monthly studio art meetings, open to all members, inviting artists of all levels to work on individual art projects.
- Our second function is to supervise and care for items in the church's permanent collection. A subcommittee is exploring ways to conserve, clean and maintain the works. They have also begun to catalogue the works. We are investigating how to protect or store them when necessary. By documenting the financial worth of the collection, and maintaining consistent records, we provide church fiscal leadership with a clear picture of its ongoing value. By establishing appropriate conservation methods to clean, protect and exhibit the works, we can preserve their beauty and inspirational value to the entire congregation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The team was formed in the spring of 2018. Two officers were elected and two subcommittees were formed: one to address our curatorial goals: cataloguing and preserving the artworks in the church's permanent collection, and one to plan our first art exhibition, which took place in March 2019. Business meetings are scheduled on the second Friday of each month to monitor progress with these two objectives.

A mission statement was drafted and is herewith revised to conform to the Team Council's template. The team was recognized and incorporated into the Team Council.

Studio art meetings were scheduled on the fourth Friday of each month, beginning in June. The first three meetings were held in the minister's office. In October, the meetings were moved to the Fellowship Hall to accommodate a larger number of participants.

In March 2019, we held the first annual congregants' art show "Celebrating Creativity." A total of 28 pieces were displayed. Viewers were invited to vote for their favorite pieces and prizes were awarded to the winners. \$815 in art work was sold, 40% of which benefitted the Art Works Fund.

The core team in the first year of operation consists of approximately eight members. New members are encouraged and welcomed.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES/GOALS FOR FUTURE

- A) We hope to increase participation in our two ongoing projects, and to complete them successfully, before expanding our activities or setting new goals.
- B) We hope to establish the ArtWorks Team as a permanent feature of the UUCS ministry, with an expanded membership and, eventually, additional goals and functions.

POLICY(IES) THAT TEAM HAS ADOPTED OR OPERATED UNDER

In the coming year, the team will develop policies and procedures to support our curatorial ministry, including the following:

1. Acquisition and de-acquisition of artwork;
2. Procedures for care and maintenance of the collection;
3. Consistent procedures for maintaining records of the collection's provenance and monetary value.
4. Displaying the collection in a manner that fosters a greater appreciation of the visual arts as an essential component of our spiritual growth.